

A+ Schools Program 20th Anniversary Conference: Call for Student Artwork How do the arts inspire you to explore and celebrate learning?

This summer marks 20 years of the A+ Schools Program! There's much to celebrate after two decades of connecting students to learning through the arts while helping to transform our schools into more engaging, meaningful and enjoyable places to teach. To honor this rich history, A+ will feature original artwork by A+ students in our event venues and publications during the 20th Anniversary Conference August 3-5, 2015.

Call for Student Artwork Instructions:

- 1. Commission your students to produce 2-D artwork that illustrates how the arts inspire them to **explore** and **celebrate** learning.
- 2. From the created student works, select up to two pieces to submit from your school and take a digital photograph of each of the two original pieces. Each A+ school may submit up to two images of original student artwork in jpeg, tif, or pdf formats.
- 3. Help the selected student(s) complete the Artist Information Form. Make sure that a school contact/teacher name, email and phone number are included as indicated.
- 4. Email the images along with the Artist Information Form to Aplus20th@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15.
- 5. Retain the original artwork in the event your student's work is selected for use in conference materials. Information about mailing student artwork that is selected by the 20th Anniversary Conference Panel will be provided upon notice of selection.
- 6. A+ Schools will make notification of selected artworks by Thursday, April 30, and originals of selected works must be received in the A+ offices no later than Friday, May 15.

Submission Guidelines:

- Submit images of original 2-D artwork. Artwork might include photography, mixed media, paint, collage, textile or digital compositions.
- Submit completed Artist Information Form for each piece of artwork.
- Original artwork must not exceed dimensions of 30"x30" and should not be framed.
- Remember that selected artwork will need to be mailed to the A+ offices. Heavy artwork or artwork beyond ½" in depth may be difficult to mail. There is no reimbursement for mailing the original artwork.

To ensure you capture the highest quality images of your students' artwork, please consider the following tips:

- ✓ If using a digital camera, use a three-megapixel camera or higher.
- ✓ Use natural lighting.
- ✓ For indoor shooting, place a light on each side of your artwork at a 45-degree angle.
- ✓ Photograph each piece individually. Try to fill the camera frame with your work. When using a background, it should be a neutral color, preferably black.
- ✓ Most importantly, take your time. Have fun photographing the work and it will show in your photographs!

If you have questions or need more information, please send an email to Aplus20th@gmail.com with "Student Artwork Support" in the subject line.

We look forward to seeing some wonderful, creative student artwork! Thanks for helping us celebrate!